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## 4.1m Crocodile Removed from Cascade Falls Creek

A 4.1 metre male estuarine (saltwater) crocodile has been removed from the permanent crocodile trap located in Cascade Falls Creek at Litchfield National Park yesterday, Monday 6 June 2011.

Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Service ranger Robbie Risk said it is likely that the crocodile would have entered the creek downstream from Reynolds River.

“The trap in Cascade Falls Creek is located 2km downstream from Cascades lower section swimming area and the creek where it was captured is not accessible for swimming,” Mr Risk said.

“The upper section of Cascades is a designated safe swimming area open all year around as its location at the top of Cascade Falls prevents estuarine crocodiles entering the area. The lower section of Cascades is seasonally closed during the wet season and only opened once crocodile surveys are carried out and the area is deemed safe for swimming.

“The water levels have dropped around the area and there is now a sealed road and approximately 1km of ankle-deep water separating the trap in the creek from the Cascades lower swimming section.

“Parks and Wildlife rangers continuously monitor the area for estuarine crocodiles to ensure the swimming areas remain croc-free and safe for visitors to enjoy.

“This is the third estuarine crocodile removed from the same trap this year, with a 4.5m male removed in late February and a 2.8m male removed in early March.

“This is another reminder to people to be extremely cautious about any waterways in the Top End, because estuarine crocodiles can move around throughout the year.”

A total of 142 estuarine crocodiles have been removed from Top End waterways in 2011.

Within Litchfield National Park Buley Rockhole, Florence Falls and Cascades upper and lower sections are open for swimming however Wangi Falls, Sandy Creek Falls and Surprise Creek Falls remain closed.

For the latest information regarding access to parks and reserves administered by NRETAS go to [www.nt.gov.au/nretas/parks](http://www.nt.gov.au/nretas/parks)

The Department of Natural Resources, Environment, The Arts and Sport (NRETAS) urges the public to **BE CROCWISE** and remember that croc danger is real, so don't risk your life. For more information go to [www.nt.gov.au/becrocwise](http://www.nt.gov.au/becrocwise)

The report estuarine (saltwater) crocodile sightings in the Darwin region phone 0419 822 859 or in the Katherine region phone 0407 958 405.

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**Media Note – for more information / interviews contact Robbie Risk on 0419 822 859**  
**Image – Rangers remove the 4.1m estuarine crocodile from the trap at Cascades Creek**

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